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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 2/NP/W32667WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/GB2004/001754	International filing date (day/month/year) 27 April 2004 (27.04.2004)	Priority date (day/month/year) 28 April 2003 (28.04.2003)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC ⁷ A61L 9/12		
Applicant CARBONATE LIMITED		

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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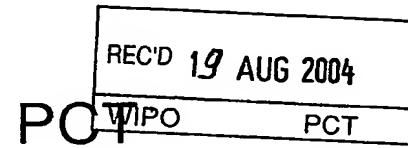
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4. The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis .2).

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From the
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY



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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

Date of mailing
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for International preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - a sequence listing
 - table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - in written format
 - in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - contained in the international application as filed.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II Priority

1. The following document has not been furnished:

copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).
 translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
Industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	8,10-18,20,23
	No: Claims	1-7,9,19,21,22,24
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	8,10-18,20,23
	No: Claims	1-7,9,19,21,22,24

Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-24
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: WO 03/028775 A (SMITH BRIAN DOUGLAS ;EVANS MICHAEL JOSEPH (GB);
PANKHURST DESIGN &) 10 April 2003 (2003-04-10) cited in the application

2. The present application does not meet the requirements of Article 33(2) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new. The reasons being the following:

Document D1 (page 15 line 7 to page 16 line 18; page 22 line 9 to page 24 line 6; figures, claims), which is considered to represent the closest prior art, discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

2.1. A fragrance disperser (10) comprising first (58a) and second (58b) sources of fragrance, first (29a) and second (29b) flowpaths, each associated with a respective source of fragrance, a fan (11) for providing a flow of air along the first and second flowpaths to release the associated fragrances and a flow controller (70) movable by an actuator (fig 22-26) between a first position in which air flows along the first flowpath to allow release of the first fragrance and a second position in which air flows along the second flowpath to allow the release of the second fragrance.

2.2. From the above it appears that all the features of claim 1 are known from document D1 at least by implication and therefore said claim does not meet the requirement of the PCT concerning novelty.

3. As for the dependent claims:

3.1. Dependent claims 2 to 7, 9, 19, 21, 22 and 24 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step, see document D1.

3.2. The additional features of dependent claims 8, 10 to 18, 20 or 23 are neither known from, nor rendered obvious by, the available prior art.